

## police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

### ● HIT-AND-RUN

A 27-year-old West Bloomfield woman told Farmington Hills police that a 1987 Cadillac swerved in her path as she was bicycling on Halsted Road, north of Grand River, about 6:20 p.m., July 23, causing her to fall, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The driver, a 40-year-old West Bloomfield resident, denied he caused the bicyclist to fall.

A witness to the incident, Col. Michael Robinson of the Michigan State Police, followed the driver to a Speedway gas station at 14 Mile and Haggerty. Robinson told Farmington Hills police he saw the bicyclist "cartwheel" off her bike as the driver was immediately next to her on the roadway. The driver crossed the center line before returning back to his own northbound lane as he drove away past the bicyclist.

The driver told police he was driving along when the woman made an obscene gesture and shouted obscenities at him. As he passed her, the bicyclist hit the side of the road and fell. He said he saw no reason to stop when the woman fell.

The woman told police the driver honked his car horn and shouted obscenities at her. She responded with obscenities and asked him what she did to anger him. The car, the woman said, then swerved in front of her and she fell off the bicycle, to which there was apparently no damage, according to police.

The driver allowed police to see the car, which had damage on its front quarter-panel, passenger side. The driver told police the damage was from a previous accident in northern Michigan.

The bicyclist sustained bruises and

### ● APARTMENT FIRE

A fire in the penthouse of a second floor apartment about 3:30 p.m., Saturday, caused the evacuation of some residents of Windemere Apartments, on the east side of Halsted, north of Grand River, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

When firefighters arrived, notified residents to evacuate and found that the fire was coming from the second floor in a pantry near a kitchen. Firefighters extinguished the fire. Damage was estimated at \$13,500. No one was injured. The apartment tenants were not home at the time of the fire.

### ● MOBILE HOME FIRE

Farmington Hills firefighters arrived at the scene of a mobile home fire just before noon Saturday to find the owner trying to put out the fire with a dry chemical extinguisher, according to a fire report.

Firefighters cut open the exterior wall of the motor home and extinguished the fire with water. The owner told fire officials he had been driving for about 20 minutes when the fire started.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

### ● WOMAN FALLS

A 23-year-old Farmington woman was treated for facial lacerations after falling at the Cloverdale Center, 33000 Freedom Road, July 29. The woman is a student at the special education center. She was taken to Botsford General Hospital following the 10:30 a.m. incident.

### ● THEFTS REPORTED

Farmington police are investigating a report of an embezzlement of cash, cigarettes and motor oil total-

ing more than \$1,400 from the Amoco station, 22420 Farmington Road July 23. The items and cash were processed missing as paperwork was processed the next day.

A car phone valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a 1991 Eagle on Northwestern Highway near Middlebelt, July 26.

Eight baseball gloves, a duffel bag and seven softball bats were reported stolen from a ball diamond at Shilohwase Park July 27. The items were valued at \$360.

An AM/FM cassette radio valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a 1986 Oldsmobile at Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile, July 28.

A phone, coffee maker, calculator, radio/cassette player, First Aid kit and stapler valued at \$535 were reported stolen from a construction trailer on Freedom Road, July 26-27.

Wheelcovers valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a 1986 Cadillac on Becham, July 26-27. Approximately \$150 cash and change were reported stolen from an apartment on Roosevelt Court in the Independence Green Apartments, July 26-27.

A car phone, two-way radio and hamper valued at \$1,710 were reported stolen from a 1991 GMC at AM-TOW, 31168 Eight Mile, July 28. Someone pried open the driver's vent window of a 1979 Chevy van

parked on Freedom next to a construction trailer which was also broken into last weekend. Some \$900 worth of construction supplies were stolen from this van including 6,000 feet of wire and 4,000 staples used to secure wire to wood.

An estimated \$16,000 of laser beams used for plumbing was stolen from a semi-trailer parked on 13 Mile in the Hills last weekend. Someone also broke into an office trailer parked on a Meadowbridge Drive construction area last weekend, stealing a battery charger and portable radio.

Early Monday morning, someone broke into the G & J Party Store on Eight Mile and stole \$1,500 from cash register, \$600 from the Lotto machine and some vodka bottles. Telephone lines were cut.

### ● INDECENT EXPOSURE

A woman reported a man standing naked and masturbating in front of the door of the Genesis Women's Fitness on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills about 6:15 a.m. July 29. She told police he drove off in a tan or cream Escort Lynx.

### ● DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$200 when someone broke a window of a house on Colfax with a BB pellet, July 26-28.

## inkwell

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### ● BOARD MEETINGS

A schedule of Farmington Board of Education meeting dates has been set for the 1991-92 fiscal year. They include: Aug. 6, 20; Sept. 3, 24; Oct. 1, 15; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 10, 17; Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 4, 11; March 3, 17; April 7, 14; May 5, 19; and June 1, 16. Appointments to board subcommittees are not yet completed.

### ● SUMMER INSTITUTE

Naveen Nandakumar, a Farmington Hills resident, recently attended the Science Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire. The two-week institute is sponsored by the university's Education Outreach program.

Nandakumar is enrolled in the medical biology section, one of 11 courses offered. The institute ran July 8-19.

Students must be recommended for the institute by two educators and accepted by a university committee. This year, 273 students from 10 states and two foreign countries studied there.

### ● JOURNALISM WORKSHOP

Three Farmington High School students recently participated in a journalism workshop at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

Amy Bender, Jenny Sutherland and Christine Alonso were part of a group of 200 students attending the week-long program of intensive study. There, they attended classes, lectures and lab sessions learning more about newspapers and photojournalism. The workshop is in its 26th year.

The intent of the program is to help students return to school this fall better prepared to tackle the challenges and responsibilities associated with being a high school journalist.

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